Stimulus package for real estate

537. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give stimulus package to real estate sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Government of India has recognised that housing is a very important source of employment since it has a large multiplier effect on economy and on demand in about 20 manufacturing sectors. There is a large unmet need of housing in the country, especially for middle and low income groups. Accordingly, the Ministry of Urban development has recommended to Ministry of Finance for taxation incentives in affordable housing sector for overall development of the urban sector in the country.

House for Chaudhary Devi Lal Memorial Trust

538. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to allot a house in New Delhi for Chaudhary Devi Lal Memorial Trust since this request has been lying pending for a long time;

(b) whether he is aware that Chaudhary Devi Lal, a Freedom Fighter and Former Deputy Prime Minister lived and died in House No. 100, Lodhi Estate; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has already given houses to the Trusts in the names of Ch. Kanshi Ram and Shri Jagjivan Ram, Former Deputy Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Government has imposed a total ban on the conversion of Govt. bungalows into memorials of the departed leader (s). However, as per Government policy *vide* O.M. No. 12035/8/94—Policy. II dated 26.07.07, registered Non-Government Organisation/Trusts can be allotted Government accommodation considering their activities, objectives etc. In the instant case, the Chaudhary Devi Lal Memorial Trust has not applied for allotment of Government accommodation with requisite details to enable the Government to examine the eligibility of the Trust, under the existing guidelines.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Allotment of houses by DDA in 2008 Scheme

539. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who applied for the allotment of DDA houses under the 2008 scheme and under the reservation quota, separately for SCs, STs, OBCs, Unreserved and total house category-wise;

(b) the number of cases where irregularities have so far been detected both in houses and applicants, category-wise;

(c) the number of cases where allotments have so far been cancelled/held up, category-wise; and

(d) what procedure is proposed to be adopted for allotment of houses now available for allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The total number of persons applied for allotment of houses under the DDA Housing Scheme-2008 was 5,68,719. The total number of applications included in the draw were 5,66,906 after excluding 1813 due to duplicate applications by husband/wife, more than one application by one person and invalid PAN number.

The reservation is available for SC, ST, Ex-Servicemen, Physically Handicapped and Was Widows only. There is no reservation for OBCs. The details of valid applications totalling to 5,66,906 under various categories are as under:

Scheduled Caste	37,741
Scheduled Tribe	9,147
Ex-Servicemen	5,353
Physically Handicapped	5,163
War Widows	165
Un-reserved	5,09,337

The total number of flats offered for allotment under the Scheme are 5238. The category-wise details are as under:

(i)	Three Bed Room Flats	—	358
(ii)	Two Bed Room Flats	—	1057
(iii)	One Bed Room Flats	—	3538
(iv)	Expandable flats	—	285

(b) to (d) The draw for the Scheme was held on 16.12.2008. However, a Complaint dated 2.12.08 was received alleging certain irregularities. A High Level Internal Committee has been constituted by DDA to look into the Whole process of allotment of flats and alleged irregularities. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police is conducting investigation into the allegations. Demand-cum-allotment letters have not been issued to the successful applicants.

As part of the investigation, EOW has forwarded the hardware and software involved in the draw to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents (GEQD), Hyderabad. The Reports of the High Level Internal Committee constituted by DDA and GEQD from EOW are awaited. Appropriate decision on issuing Demand-cum-allotment letters will be taken only upon receipt of the reports.